

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and

a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:

the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and

~~each of the first fitting portion and the second fitting portion comprising a first an~~
engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an
engagement wall having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an
opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion,
wherein a portion of said U-character shape second fitting portion, which is common
to a portion of said U-character shape first fitting portion forming a middle of said S-
character, comprises a second engaging pawl opposing said first engaging pawl.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein the engagement wall exists in bilateral symmetry.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined with respect to a central axis of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 2, wherein said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined with respect to a central axis of the U-

character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, further comprising a detachment grip portion.

Claims 6-7. (Canceled).

Claim 8. (Original) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein a rib wall is protruded on an inner wall face of the second fitting portion.

Claim 9. (Original) The securing clip according to claim 2, wherein a rib wall is protruded on an inner wall face of the second fitting portion.

Claims 10-11. (Canceled).

Claim 12. (Currently amended) The clip of claim 1, wherein said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined such that said engagement wall is wedged into contact with the second panel member upon abutting a ~~the~~ regulating wall of the second panel member.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) The clip of claim 1, wherein said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined such that contact with a ~~the~~ regulating wall of the second panel member resists removal of said second panel member from said second fitting portion.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel having a hole to a second panel having a hole and a regulating wall, the securing clip comprising:

a first U-shaped fitting comprising a first engaging pawl on an inner wall of the first U-shaped fitting for engaging the hole in the first panel; and

a second U-shaped fitting comprising:

a second engaging pawl on an inner wall of the second U-shaped fitting for engaging the hole in the second panel; ~~and~~

an engagement wall comprising an engaging face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a ~~the~~ closed end of the U-shape of the second U-shaped fitting, wherein the first U-shaped fitting and the second U-shaped fitting form an S-shaped cross-section; and

a third engaging pawl on an inner wall of the second U-shaped fitting and opposing said second engaging pawl.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) The clip of claim 14, wherein the engagement wall comprises a pair of engagement walls each having said engaging face.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 15, wherein said pair of engagement walls are symmetrically positioned around said second engaging pawl.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said engagement face is inclined with respect to an axis of said hole in said second panel.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, further comprising a detachment grip adapted to detach the securing clip from the second panel.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said second fitting further comprises a rib wall on an inner wall face.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said engagement wall is inclined such that contact with the regulating wall of the second panel resists removal of said second panel from said second fitting.

Claim 21. (New) The clip of claim 1, wherein said second engaging pawl comprises a pair of second engaging pawls receiving said first engaging pawl between the pair of second engaging pawls.

Claim 22. (New) The clip of claim 14, wherein said third engaging pawl comprises a pair of third engaging pawls receiving said second engaging pawl between the pair of third engaging pawls.

Claim 23. (New) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

- a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and
- a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:
 - the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and

each of the first fitting portion and the second fitting portion comprising an engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion,

wherein said engaging pawl is provided parallel to the inner wall face of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claim 24. (New) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and

a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:

the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and

each of the first fitting portion and the second fitting portion comprising an engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion,

wherein said engagement face is positioned substantially in the center between an open end and the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.